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***Raised Bill No. 1319***

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Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Introduced by:  
(APP)

***AN ACT REQUIRING PARTICIPANTS IN HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS  
OFFERED BY THE CONNECTICUT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT  
SYSTEM TO BE MEDICARE PART A PARTICIPANTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-183t of the general statutes, as  
2 amended by section 11 of public act 03-232, is repealed and the  
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

4 (a) The retirement board shall offer one or more health benefit plans  
5 to: [any] Any member receiving retirement benefits or a disability  
6 allowance from the system; [, to] the spouse or surviving spouse of  
7 such member, and [to] a disabled dependent of such member if there is  
8 no spouse or surviving spouse, provided such member, spouse, [or]  
9 surviving spouse, or disabled dependent is [eligible for] participating  
10 in Medicare Part A hospital insurance. The board may offer one or  
11 more basic plans, the cost of which to any such member, [to the]  
12 spouse, [or] surviving spouse [of such member and to a] or disabled  
13 dependent [of such member if there is no spouse or surviving spouse,]  
14 shall be one-third of the basic plan's premium equivalent, and one or  
15 more optional plans, provided such member, spouse, surviving

16 spouse, or disabled dependent shall pay one-third of the basic plan's  
17 premium equivalent plus the difference in cost between any such basic  
18 plans and any such optional plans. The board shall designate those  
19 plans which are basic and those plans which are optional for the  
20 purpose of determining such cost and the amount to be charged or  
21 withheld from benefit payments for such plans. The surviving spouse  
22 of a member, or a disabled dependent of a member if there is no  
23 surviving spouse, shall not be ineligible for participation in any such  
24 plan solely because such surviving spouse or [such] disabled  
25 dependent is not receiving benefits from the system. With respect to  
26 any person participating in any such plan, the state shall appropriate  
27 to the board one-third of the cost of such basic plan or plans, or one-  
28 third of the cost of the rate in effect during the fiscal year ending June  
29 30, 1998, whichever is greater.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2005	10-183t(a)

**APP**      *Joint Favorable*